- components being tactually recognized by a visually impaired person;
- (b) acquiring digital image data of the touch graph into a computer;
- (c) analyzing said digital image data so as to define each of said graph components and a logical relationship between said graph components; and
- (d) a memory for storing the analyzed digital image data.
- 12. A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein each of said plurality of graph components is detachably secured on said plate-like member.
- 13. A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein each of said plurality of graph components can be identified by sighted persons.
 - 14. A method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising: acquiring an identifier carried on said plate-like member for ascertaining the identity thereof; and
 - storing said identifier in said computer in relation to the analyzed digital image data.
 - 15. A method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising: displaying an image of the touch graph on a touch screen; specifying a given graph component using an interactive device operatively coupled to said touch screen, said interactive device assisting communication between the visually impaired person and the computer so as to specify the graph components; and

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- allowing the visually impaired person to add information in connection with the given graph component by way of the touch screen and the interactive device.
- 16. A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the identifying by said sighted persons is based on a unique shape of each of the graph components and not based on knowledge of Braille.
- 17. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein one unique shape corresponds to a rectangular shape, another unique shape corresponds to hexagonal shape, and yet another unique shape corresponds to a line with an arrow at one end thereof.
- 18. A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein each of said plurality of graph components is detachably secured to said plate-like member by way of a magnet.
- 19. A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein, when the visually impaired person touches the touch screen at a location corresponding to one of the graph components of said touch graph that are visually displayed on said touch screen, the interactive display provides an audible output as to which the one of the graph components the location corresponds to, and wherein the interactive display includes a keyboard by which the visually impaired person can add information to the one of the graph components.

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